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FOR: IMPROVED STRETCH HEAD FOR FACILITATING
THE WRAPPING OF PALLETIZED LOADS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following **PRIOR ART** of which Applicant is aware and which is also listed upon the attached **PTO FORM 1449**:

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| Scherer et al. | 5,862,647 |
| Berger et al. | 5,477,658 |
| Martin-Cocher | 5,447,008 |

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| Leitzel | 5,414,979 |
| Suolahti | 4,914,891 |
| Lancaster | 4,497,159 |
| Lancaster et al. | 4,302,920 |

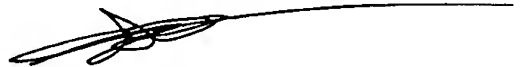
The present invention, in connection with which the present patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a stretch head wherein in addition to the mounting of a strain gauge roller and a first idler roller upon the inclined base member of the vertically movable carriage mechanism, there is also provided a second idler roller which is located at the lowermost elevational position in connection with the inclined disposition of the base member. In this manner, the withdrawn wrapping film is able to be applied to the lowermost regions of the palletized load. In addition, the second idler roller has a rubberized sleeve mounted upon the external periphery thereof which causes the withdrawn wrapping film to adhere thereto and not slip along the axial direction of the roller. In this manner, the film is positioned as desired with respect to the palletized load to be wrapped.

While the cited **PRIOR ART** is relevant to the present invention in that the **PRIOR ART** discloses conventional film wrapping systems, it is submitted that such **PRIOR ART**

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patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular aforementioned features of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such **PRIOR ART** in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,
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